Bremerton ** Kitsap County Health District

SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT

Facility:	Bremerton Auto Wrecking/Ames Landfill State Highway 3 SW., South of 4275 (Airport Auto Wrecking) Assessor's Account # 012301-4-019-1000
Contact Person:	Rick Uhinck (son of property owner Lucille Uhinck) (b) (6) (b) (6)
Inspection Date and Time:	March 26, 1997 8:30 a.m 9:30 a.m.
Report Date:	March 26, 1997
Photos:	Attached
Type of Inspection:	Complaint Response
Inspector:	Jesse Kellogg
Signature	Reviewer

Reviewer



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GENERAL FACILITY PROCESS

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Health District records indicate this abandoned solid waste disposal facility site was used to landfill municipal, industrial, and construction and demolition wastes.

HISTORY

The facility was in operation from approximately 1950 through 1988. Proper closure of the facility has not been completed as required under Chapter 173-304 WAC. A portion of the facility is built on top of Gorst Creek, which is directed under the facility through a culvert. The culvert exits at the southwest face of the facility, approximately 100 yards upstream from State Hwy. 3. SW.

On March 25, 1997 during a regular stream sampling event, Health District Water Quality Program staff Shawn Ultican and Lance Hale noted an estimated 6-10 cubic yards of solid waste in a 100 yard section of Gorst Creek extending downstream from Hwy. 3 SW. During a subsequent source investigation, Mr. Ultican and Mr. Hale noted that a landslide had recently occurred on the face of the facility above Gorst Creek.

An inspection of the southwest face facility was conducted by Terry Inman on March 25, 1997. Mr. Inman noted that a landslide had recently occurred. The slide area was approximately 150 feet wide. Several photos were taken and are attached. The slide has caused previously buried waste to become exposed.

INSPECTION

The following people were present during the inspection: Jesse Kellogg (BKCHD), Rick Uhinck (property owner's son), Marc Plucinski (friend of Mr. Uhinck), Kathleen Cahall and Fred Reinke (City of Bremerton Public Works and Utilities), and Jeff West and Gary Passmore (USA Waste). (Mr. West and Mr. Passmore were present at the request of the Health District to assess their ability to assist with stream cleanup.)

The inspection was conducted in response to a landslide on the southwest face of the landfill. The landslide was initially noted by Health District Water Quality Program staff during a routine surface water monitoring event.

I introduced myself to Mr. Uhinck and advised him that we were responding to a report of a landslide on the face of the facility. He acknowledged that his mother, Lucille Uhinck is the current property owner of the site. I explained that the purpose of the inspection was to investigate the reported slide and gather information. I told him I would be viewing the site from the Highway. I also requested access to the facility to view the slide from the top. Mr. Uhinck agreed to the inspection and accompanied me for the duration.

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DRAFT Ms. Cahall indicated City of Bremerton staff had recently noted waste in the bed of Gorst Creek as far down as the entrance to Gold Mountain Golf Course, approximately one mile downstream from the facility.

Standing on the east shoulder of Highway 3 SW. over Gorst Creek, I observed solid waste in and immediately adjacent to Gorst Creek and noted that a landslide had occurred on the face of the facility, approximately 100 yards from my viewpoint. I crossed the Highway and observed additional waste in and adjacent to Gorst Creek on the west side of Highway 3. In this area, Gorst Creek exits a culvert under the facility, flows open for approximately 100 yards, and then enters a second culvert under Highway 3 SW. Flow continues through City of Bremerton property and eventually enters Sinclair Inlet in Gorst.

I then observed the slide area from the top (on the Uhinck property). I confirmed that the slide area is approximately 150 feet wide. Solid waste was exposed on the new face of the facility. Metal, plastic wood, and other materials were visible throughout the exposed area. Other waste material was visible but its composition could not be determined. Solid waste was also visible on the bottom of the ravine through which Gorst Creek flows. Several photos were taken and area attached.

I advised Mr. Uhinck that the Health District would require immediate cleanup of the waste in and adjacent to Gorst Creek and that immediate steps were required to stabilize the face of the landfill. Following these actions, the Health District would advise Mrs. Uhinck of the final closure requirements the facility. I asked him about his ability to handle the immediate situation and was told that he needed to speak with his mother's attorney first (Patricia K. Schafer). I advised him that a response was required by March 27, 1997.

I departed the site at 9:30 a.m.

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